

PARKING UTILITY COMMISSION

A meeting of the Menomonie Parking Utility was called to order in the Council Chambers at 10:00 a.m. February 22, 2022 by Mayor Knaack.

Other members present -Atkinson, Dubuque, Anshus, and Solberg

Others present - Eide, Prange, Meriwether, D.Frank, Olson, Frawley and Gerdin

A motion was made by Atkinson, seconded by Dubuque to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

The Commission received input from Mainstreet representatives looking to improve the parking convenience and availability in the central business district. The current meters are coin only which doesn't allow the use of credit cards along the Main Street and Broadway corridors. Those in attendance discussed providing new multi-purpose meters, relocating existing smart meters and shifting to a kiosk system. A validation process for businesses to provide/pay for customer parking was also presented. Representatives from the current system provider gave a brief overview of their Smart Pass and validation applications. The "Passport "platform was also discussed as an option. Further fact finding will occur with no action taken.

Concerns were also presented relating to the overnight parking space availability and issuance process. Ideas to address the situation including raising monthly rates, eliminating the reselling of spaces, adding locations and the construction of a parking ramp were presented with no action taken.

The next meeting will be held on March 22, 2022 at 10:00 am in City Hall.

A motion was made by Solberg, seconded by Atkinson to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lowell Prange
Acting Secretary